(*d*) whether Government are giving any contribution towards the item referred to in clause (*c*); and if so, to what extent;

(*e*) the approximate cost of feeding poor students at noon
(1) in all the schools and
(2) in the Primary department alone;

(*f*) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the necessity of feeding poor students at noon by the medical officers who inspect the schools; and

(*g*) if so, whether Government have taken any action on the reports of the medical officers relating to the matter referred to in clause (*f*)?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) 686.
(*b*) 24.
(*c*) 24.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) Statistics are not available to work out the cost.
(*f*) Yes.
(*g*) Yes.

MATTANCHERI—WATER SUPPLY IN

280. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ബഹു മാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവമ്മെണ്ട ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) മട്ടാഞ്ചേരി പട്ടണത്തിലെ ജനസംഖ്യ എത്രയെന്ന പറയാമോ!

(ബി) ആളൊന്നുക്ക ശരാശരി എത്ര ഗ്യാലൻ വെള്ളം നിത്യോപയോഗത്തിന്ന വേണ്ടിവരും?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ:

(എ) ഫൻര ഫ-ലെ കാനേഷുമാരികണക്കപ്രകാരം ൪൩,൯൪൯ ആകുന്നു.

(ബി) വീടുകളിൽ ഉള്ള ആവശ്യത്തിന്ന മാത്രം ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നതായാൽ ആളൊന്നുക്ക് ഏഴ ഗാലൻ മതിയാവുന്നതാണ്. പബ്ലിക്ക്ടാപ്പുകളിൽനിന്ന എടുക്കുന്ന വീടുകളിൽ ശരാശരി ആളൊന്നുക്ക് മൂന്ന് ഗാലനും മതിയാവുന്നതാണ്.

BOOKING OFFICE RENT—LEVY OF FROM MOTOR BOAT LICENSEES

281. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether a new levy called booking-office rent is being collected from motor boats from January, 1941, and will Government kindly state whether booking offices exist at all the places where such a levy is made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A booking office rent is levied on boats for the privilege of selling ticket in

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the common booking offices provided near jetties. Booking offices exist wherever the levy is made.

SIRKAR ELEPHANTS—TREATMENT BY VETERINARY DEPARTMENT

282. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the treatment of Sirkar Elephants transferred from the Elephant Vicharippu to the Veterinary Department; the date of the order and the date when actually the order was carried into effect may be given;

(*b*) the number of elephants owned and maintained by the Sirkar at the time of transfer;

(*c*) the number of fresh captures after the transfer referred to in (*a*);

(*d*) the number of elephants which died after the transfer, stating their cause of death and the duration of disease in each case;

(*e*) whether any medical aid was given to these elephants, before their death, of course; if so, by which Veterinary Surgeon; if answer is in the affirmative, whether it will be borne out by official records that these elephants received medical aid prior to their death;

(*f*) the expenditure incurred by Government on each of the elephants referred to in (*b*) and (*c*) by way of treatment;

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) The Elephant Vicharippu ceased to function as elephant doctor to the Government as a temporary measure with effect from 28th Kanni 1115. The date of the order is 24th Kanni 1115. Even before the termination of the services of the Elephant Vicharippu the services of the Veterinary Surgeons were being utilised for the treatment of Government elephants whenever deemed necessary. The posts of the Elephant Vicharippus were permanently abolished as per orders, dated 21st Makaram 1115.

(*b*) There were six animals on 28th Kanni 1115, the date on which Elephant Vicharippu ceased to function.

(*c*) 16. After 28th Kanni 1115.

(*d*) 6. Particulars given hereunder.

i. Ramachandran.—One of the captures of 1114 died in Meenam 1115, suspected to

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